

An. Code, 1924, sec. 211. 1912, sec. 276. 1904, sec. 258. 1888, sec. 171. 1876, ch. 242, sec. 15.

214. Such company shall have power to borrow money on the credit of the corporation, not exceeding its authorized capital stock, at a rate of interest to be agreed upon by the respective parties, and may execute bonds or promissory notes therefor, in sums of not less than one hundred dollars, and to secure the payment thereof, may pledge the property and income of such company.

See sec. 391.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 212. 1912, sec. 277. 1904, sec. 259. 1888, sec. 172. 1876, ch. 242, sec. 16.

215. Such company may acquire by purchase or gift, any lands in the vicinity of said road or through which the same may pass, so far as may be deemed convenient or necessary by said company to secure the right of way, or such as may be granted, to aid in the construction of such road, and the same to hold or convey, in such manner as the directors may prescribe; and all deeds and conveyances made by such company, shall be signed by the president, under the seal of the corporation.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 213. 1912, sec. 278. 1904, sec. 260. 1888, sec. 173. 1876, ch. 242, sec. 17. 1880, ch. 282.

216. It shall be lawful for such corporation, whenever it may be necessary in the construction of its road, to cross any road, highway or stream of water, to divert the same from its present or existing location or bed; provided, it is not a navigable stream; and it shall be lawful for such corporation, or for any railroad corporation heretofore incorporated under any general or special law, whose railroad now crosses or may hereafter cross any public or private road or highway, to carry said road or highway over its tracks by an overgrade crossing, or to carry it under its track or tracks by an undergrade crossing; and to make such crossings, such corporations may divert any road or highway, so crossed or to be crossed, from its present or existing location; and for entering upon, taking or appropriating any buildings, gardens, yards or other lands which may be necessary for the new route and location of said road so diverted, said corporation may proceed as in case of land necessary for its railroad, under the powers given to it by law, but said corporation shall, without unnecessary delay, place such road or highway or stream in such condition as to not impair its former usefulness; and such corporation shall be liable for damage caused by the diversion of any stream; and when said new road is properly laid out, completed and constructed by said company with such overgrade or undergrade crossings, in a manner satisfactory to the county commissioners of the county where said road is located, it shall be the duty of the said county commissioner to close the old road and grade crossings; and it shall be lawful for such company to close the former grade crossing.

The constitutionality of this section has never been assailed. This section referred to in upholding the validity of art. 33A (as it stood prior to the act of 1914, ch. 463)—see notes thereto. *Pitznogle v. Western Md. R. Co.*, 119 Md. 680.

See secs. 246 and 252, and art. 27, secs. 537 and 538, and notes to sec. 211 (this article).

An. Code, 1924, sec. 214. 1912, sec. 279. 1904, sec. 261. 1888, sec. 174. 1876, ch. 242, sec. 18.

217. Such corporation shall, as soon as convenient after its organization, establish a principal office at some point on the line of its road, and change the same at pleasure, giving public notice in some newspaper, of such establishment or change.